

# Anderson Literacy Tips

## Multiple Choice

### Question:

“ **Multiple-Choice** (Record the best or most correct answer on the Student Answer Sheet.)  
 Example:  
 Choose the sentences that are correctly written. ”

- Choose the *BEST/MOST CORRECT* answer. Some answers may be partially right/wrong, but only one is the correct choice.  
 - NEVER LEAVE A QUESTION BLANK. Always guess at an answer.  
 \* Do not waste time looking for patterns on the Scranton. Don't assume because the last three answers were 'b', the next one is also 'b'.

Read each question carefully, some are similar to previous questions with small differences.

### Strategy:

Read Question	Look for Key Terms
	Decide what the question is asking.
	Decide if you are looking for the <b>best</b> answer or the <b>right</b> answer
Read Possible Answers	Look carefully for differences/similarities between answers. Some might only have small differences
	If you don't know, begin by eliminating wrong answers (ones that do not answer the question, do not provide enough information, provide incorrect details, are too general, etc.)
Answer	If you arrive at 2 possible answers, pick the best one.
	If you do not know, always guess.

**Tips:**

- Watch for these words when reading the question, these words can change the meaning of a question:
  - all    ▪ always    ▪ best    ▪ frequently    ▪ least
  - most    ▪ never    ▪ none    ▪ often    ▪ tend to
- Make sure to:
  - **Read every word in every question**
  - **Read every word in every answer**
- ↳ It is easy to skip over words or imagine ones that are not actually there.
- If you are looking for the **right** answer, it means the other choices are wrong/partly wrong.
- If you are looking for the **best** answer, it means the other answers are partly right, but one is better than the others.

### Example Questions and Answers:

**QUESTION** – Asks for the set of sentences that has no mistakes. Check for:  
 - Complete sentences  
 - Correct punctuation  
 - Read the sentence carefully – does it make sense? Would you say it out loud?

**ANSWER** – The only difference between the choices are: a) 'That', b) 'Then', c) 'They', and d) 'Them'. When reading, 'they' – meaning the recycled items – makes the most sense.

- Choose the sentences that are correctly written.
- a Several items were recycled. That went into the blue recycling bags.
  - b Several items were recycled. Then went into the blue recycling bags.
  - c** Several items were recycled. They went into the blue recycling bags.
  - d Several items were recycled. Them went into the blue recycling bags.

Choose the best topic for the paragraph.  
 They may spend hours downloading their favourite artists' songs. Hats and T-shirts announce their love of various rap or rock groups. Concerts and dance clubs are sold out on Saturday nights. Music can be an important part of a teenager's world.

- a** Many teenagers love music.
- b Teenagers have different tastes in music.
- c Teenagers express themselves in different ways.
- d Most teenagers spend too much time listening to music.

**Q** – 'Topic' is another way of asking for the statement, or main idea, of the paragraph.  
 - Ask yourself:
 

- Why was this paragraph written?
- What topic do all the sentences relate to?

 - Looking for the **best** answer, meaning the other answers are partly right, but one is better.

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The high school team won the championship \_\_\_\_\_ the captain's injury.

- a** despite
- b besides
- c because
- d although

**A** – The topic is summarized in the last sentence, "Music can be an important...". The paragraph does not focus on the other 3 topics as much as answer a).

**Q** - Asks for the right word to fill the blank.  
 - Looking for the **best** answer, meaning that one is better than the others.  
 - Read the sentence carefully. Note there is a blank to fill, and where it is located.

**A** - Try substitution to see what makes sense:  
 a) ...won the championship despite the captain's...  
 b) ...won the championship besides the captain's...  
 c) ...won the championship because the captain's...  
 d) ...won the championship although the captain's...  
 It shows that a) is the best answer.